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2. (Twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said alert module contains a plurality of variables, some of said variables indicating whether each of said alerts is disabled or enabled to be displayed to the user at the manager system.

3. (Twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said alert module records information about said disabled alerts in said storage medium in the manager system [at a user computer].

4. (Twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a log module in the manager system [at a user computer], said log module configured to store information about said enabled and disabled alerts.

#### REMARKS

Applicant will submit a substitute specification in accordance with the changes submitted by Applicant on July 6, 1999 after a final examination of the pending Claims 1-25, 27-34.

The Examiner rejects amended Claims 1-4, 7, 10, 25, 28, 29 and 34 and original Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-24 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,655,081). The Examiner rejects amended Claims 25, 28 and 29 and original Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell in view of Dulman (U.S. Patent No. 5,802,146). The Examiner rejects Claims 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell in view of Dulman and in further view of Giorgio (U.S. Patent No. 5,761,085).

#### Rejection of Amended Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As to amended Claim 1 of the claimed invention, the Examiner takes the position that Bonnell teaches an event manager which is configured to "selectively disable a display of one or more alerts to the user" and to record status information associated with the alerts in a storage medium by using an event manager 210 and an event repository 206. The Examiner specifically cites Figure 12 and columns 9-12 of Bonnell to support the Examiner's position. As in the first Office Action, the Examiner admits that Bonnell does not explicitly disclose an alert module. The Examiner asserts, however, that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Bonnell by specifying the event manager as taught by Bonnell as an alert module because the same functionality is achieved.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Amended Claim 1 was first amended in Applicant's response to the first Office Action to specifically and distinctly claim an alert module that is